

2010 BEST OF FREMONT

as voted by Fremont Bulletin and The Argus readers

Best Park is Central Park's Lake Elizabeth

Neatest thing to happen
is Aqua Adventure Waterpark opening

Best Family Recreation Center
is Aqua Adventure Waterpark

President Obama Visits Fremont

On May 26, President Barack Obama visited Fremont-based Solyndra Inc. and toured the company's existing facility and then spoke to workers about jobs and the economy. Solyndra received a \$535 million federal loan guarantee last year to build a solar panel manufacturing plant as part of the economic stimulus bill. The new plant on Kato Road, which is nearly complete, is twice as large as the existing one. It is projected to create 3,000 temporary construction jobs and an estimated 1,000 long-term production jobs.

With the President's visit coming on the heels of the Toyota and Tesla Motors announcement to build electric cars at the shuttered NUMMI plant, Fremont's future is truly becoming greener and brighter! Both ventures will serve as a catalyst for Fremont to position itself as a hub for clean- and green-tech jobs.



Fremont Fourth of July Parade

Strike up the band, the annual Fremont Fourth of July Parade is marching to town. On **Sunday, July 4 at 10 a.m.**, more than 85 parade entries, including giant helium balloons, colorful patriotic floats, marching bands and drum and bugle corps, and equestrian entries will make their way through the Mission San Jose District. The parade will begin at Pine Street and proceed north onto Mission Boulevard, turn left onto Washington Boulevard, left onto Ellsworth and left onto Pine Street, ending at Ohlone College. The parade is being organized and funded 100 percent by community members. Donations are being accepted and sponsorships are available. Go to Fremont4th.org for more information.

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Fireworks Ban

Please Remember:
No Fireworks in Fremont



The last two weeks of May 2010 will go down in history as the beginning of a new chapter for Fremont. The major announcement of the Toyota and Tesla Motors joint venture at the NUMMI plant and President Obama's visit to Solyndra are the shot in the arm that our troubled, local economy needs. While it's great news that many of the displaced NUMMI workers will eventually be re-employed, local businesses are also cheering. Many of them have experienced a decline in sales due to the plant's closure and look forward to business picking up again. The City will work with Tesla and Toyota on the necessary permits to get the NUMMI plant up and running as quickly as possible.

With electric cars to be built in Fremont and a new solar manufacturing plant coming on-line soon, Fremont is positioned to be a hub for clean- and green-tech. And given the downed economy, perhaps this recent news is our city's silver lining.

However, Fremont is not out of the woods yet. Every day, the volatile economic situation forces us to step back and evaluate our service level priorities. Our \$134.6 million dollar budget — one consisting of service cuts, the elimination of some programs to the community, and reduced staffing — is at least balanced. However, getting there was not easy. Each cut deeply affects the services the Fremont community deserves.

The City has long prided itself on being a lean organization, making the most of the resources entrusted to us. Through fiscal discipline and resetting our organization and service levels, we will continue to meet the challenges ahead.



Fred

Fred Diaz
City Manager

Did You Know?

City of Fremont is now on Twitter!

Sign up to receive our tweets
at Twitter.com/Fremont_CA.

follow us on
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City Received Grant to Study NUMMI Site

In April, the City was awarded a \$333,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. This grant will fund four main study components to support the reuse and revitalization of existing NUMMI facilities, and help to create new jobs.

Through a competitive process, consultant proposals were solicited by the City to prepare the NUMMI studies. After thoroughly evaluating the submitted proposals, the City will begin interviewing selected consultant teams, with a final selection made soon thereafter. The studies, which will be prepared beginning this summer, will be completed over an approximate 8-month period.

To gauge the community's interest in the future reuse of the NUMMI site, we posted a Community Preferences Survey on the City website. Over a 5-week period, 649 people took the survey.

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City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second, and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave. Work sessions are held the third Tuesday of each month, times vary.

Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at Fremont.gov/Webcasts.

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City Hall News

City Budget Update

Like many cities in California, Fremont continues to face a volatile and uncertain economic future. We remain concerned about the impact of the poor economy and the possibility of more State takeaways of local revenue.

In response, we continue to reduce spending throughout the organization, leave vacant positions unfilled, and focus on attracting and retaining retail businesses to increase revenue. These proactive measures, as well as the cutbacks we've already endured, have helped soften the impact of the significant reductions we've had to make to live within our means.

As the new fiscal year approaches, which spans from July 1 through June 30, 2011, our total budgeted resources will support total budgeted expenditures of \$134.6 million. This is accomplished by using the City's Budget Uncertainty Reserve, deferring some capital projects, and other cost-cutting strategies.

This budget also maintains the City Council's long-standing funding priorities by allocating over three-quarters of the budget to direct costs for public safety and maintenance. (The share of General Fund resources budgeted for these purposes is actually over 90 percent when counting the

overhead costs required to support these functions.) Unfortunately, the reduced service levels established in the current year are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Revenue Sources

Property tax and sales tax are the City's most significant revenue sources. Fremont's property tax revenues have begun to decline following the housing market crisis: for the first time since the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, the inflationary adjustment to assessed values permitted by Proposition 13 actually reduced assessed values by 0.27%. As a result, City property tax revenues are projected to decline in fiscal year 2010/11 by 0.9%, to \$61.2 million. As for the impacts of the NUMMI plant closure, they will likely not be reflected on the property tax rolls until fiscal year 2011/12; the impact of the recently announced joint venture between Toyota and Tesla Motors at the NUMMI facility is not yet known.

Sales tax revenues appear to be stabilizing. Nationally, consumer confidence and spending is slowly increasing and these trends are mirrored in Fremont. The City's efforts to diversify and strengthen our sales tax base by increasing the consumer retail

sales and auto sales tax bases have helped cushion the blow of reduced consumer spending.

For this current fiscal year, the City is expecting to use \$8.4 million from the Budget Uncertainty Reserve. For fiscal year 2010/11, the remaining \$7.8 million of the Budget Uncertainty Reserve will be needed to balance the budget.

City Initiatives to Move Forward

Although the City's current economic climate is grim, affecting the breadth and depth of services offered to the community, there are many important initiatives currently under way. These initiatives are important investments in the community's future and position the City well for long-term growth and stability. Specifically, we're focusing on development projects, capital projects, federal economic stimulus, the General Plan Update, and parks and recreation.



City Services At-A-Glance

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City Hall News

New Financing for Energy Retrofits

Are you interested in adding insulation, double-paned windows, or new solar panels to save on utility bills and make your home or business more comfortable? In January, the City Council approved Fremont's participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Statewide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Pilot Program, a program of the California Statewide Community Development Authority. The program allows property owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. The cost of the project is then repaid on your property tax bill over a period of 5 to 20 years. It's an opportunity to install improvements without large upfront costs. You can also use your utility savings to pay some or all of the annual assessment through this program. The program will roll out this summer. For more information, go to CaliforniaFirst.org.



National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out with your Fremont neighbors and communities across the nation on **Tuesday, Aug. 3**. Consider hosting a party in your neighborhood to raise crime prevention awareness and develop relationships with representatives from Police, Fire and other City departments.

Register your NNO party online at FremontPolice.org, and your party will be among those randomly selected to receive a visit from City staff.

Remember: Fireworks are Banned in Fremont

The sale, possession, and use of fireworks are banned within the city of Fremont. This ban includes the "safe and sane" variety of fireworks that are legal in some other cities. Fremont's police and fire departments will be patrolling neighborhoods to ensure a safe Fourth of July.



Fremont Police Department Seeks Volunteers

The Fremont Police Department is recruiting 20 to 30 new volunteers for its C.A.R.E. program, which stands for Connecting, Assisting, Responding, and Engaging the needs of the Fremont community. The Fremont Police Volunteers C.A.R.E. Program helps support the goals and mission of FPD by developing and strengthening partnerships and relationships with the community. Similar to a "Citizens on Patrol" program, it began in 2006 with the purpose of being a highly visible support function of the Patrol Division.

Volunteer duties include extra security checks in neighborhoods and commercial business centers, "stranger danger" presentations, distributing crime alert bulletins, vacation home security checks, special events, child safety seat program, and documenting graffiti violations. For more information go to Fremontpolice.org/volunteer/volunteer.html or call Volunteer Administrator Jennie Bauer at 790-6691.

NUMMI Survey *Continued from Page 2*

Overall, the prospects of job creation, mixed use, development, and a ballpark received the most comment. Because we utilized an online survey tool, rather than commissioning a formal survey of a statistically-significant sample of Fremont residents, it is hard to know whether the results can be projected to the Fremont community at large. However, we received a lot of great input and appreciate everyone's time who participated. To view the survey results go to Fremont.gov/NUMMI. Also, to receive updates related to the NUMMI efforts, sign up at Fremont.gov/NUMMIInfo.

Our Community

City's Community Ambassador Program for Seniors Receives Award

Congratulations to the City's Human Services Department for receiving the American Society on Aging's Network of Multicultural Aging Award for its Community Ambassador Program for Seniors (CAPS). This program addresses Fremont's unique challenge of extraordinary diversity within our senior population:

- More than 12 percent of residents are over age 60.
- Almost 47 percent of residents are foreign born.
- More than 57 percent speak a language other than English at home.

Through volunteer ambassadors, CAPS helps seniors in their own communities, in their own language, and within their own cultural norms. The ambassadors serve as a bridge between the formal network of social services and faith-based and cultural communities.

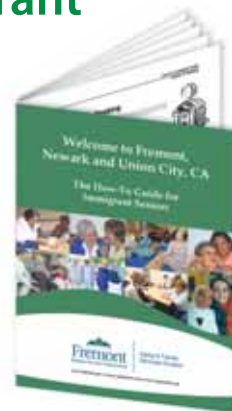
CAPS partners include the Taiwanese Community Help Association, India Community Center, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Muslim Support Network, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Sikhs Engaged in Volunteer Activities, St. Anne Catholic Parish, Tropics Mobile Home Park, Tri-City Veterans Group, and the Fremont Senior Center volunteers.

Recognized for high quality and innovation, developing best practices, and implementing programs that meet the needs of a multicultural aging population.

'How To' Guide for Immigrant Seniors

As part of the CAPS program, a How-To Guide for Immigrant Seniors is available. The Guide helps older adults and their families living in Fremont, Newark, and Union City locate community resources and social services. The Guide, while useful to anyone, is directed to recent immigrant seniors who may not be familiar with the U.S. system and its rules and regulations. It addresses such items as how to apply for health insurance, purchase a new car, and open a bank account.

To learn more about the CAPS program or to download the Guide, go to CAPSeniors.org or contact the City's Asha Chandra at achandra@fremont.gov or 574-2055.



Changes to Sidewalk Repair, Street Tree Services

Street trees are a great asset to the community, as well as individual property owners. For many years, the City has maintained street trees and repaired the damage caused by them to residential sidewalks as a service to the adjoining property owner. This approach was always contrary to State law, which maintains property owners are responsible. Now, due to budget

and staffing reductions, these services will no longer be provided.

At the May 25 City Council meeting, the revised Street Tree Ordinance was adopted. This means that beginning June 24, the responsibility will now shift to property owners to maintain their street trees and sidewalks. In addition, property owners will be responsible for damages caused by improper tree maintenance.

To view the new Street Tree Guidelines and Sidewalk Repair Guidelines, go to Fremont.gov/Maintenance. Details about the permit application process for tree removal, tree planting, tree pruning, *Continued on Page 7*

Our Community

Prepare Your Teen for College, the Real World

The City of Fremont has launched College Prep 4U, an opportunity for teenagers to get straight-forward answers to their questions and quandaries. Whether your teen is going away to college or to a school nearby, this program can prepare them for the realities and challenges of college today.

The College Prep 4U Program is comprised of six components:

Area A – Applying Step by Step

College Applications, Job Applications, and Job Skills; Financial Aid Applications; Scholarships

Area B – Thriving in the Real World

Life Away from Home; Time Management/Organization

Area C – Protecting Your Mind

Stress Management/Burn Out; Self Treatment

Area D – Health and You

Eating/Nutrition; Fitness/Cooking

Area E – Gaining Respect in College

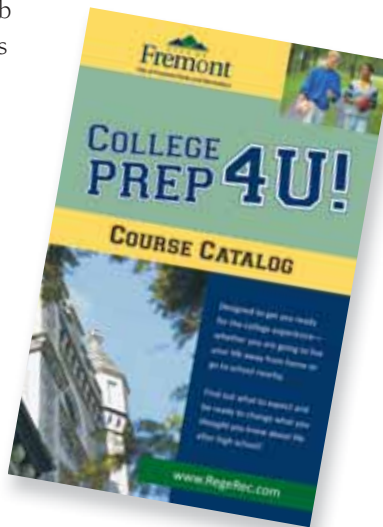
Emails and Internet; College and Professors; Professional Communication

Area F – Essentials of Social Interaction

Social Life and Recreation; Dealing with Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

To fill in the gaps, the City is offering the following courses: 'College Insider Info,' 'Home Alone in Your Dorm,' 'The Naked Roommate,' 'Shine Bright by not Burning Out,' and 'Is it a Good Idea to Party like a Rockstar?.'

Register online at RegeRec.com (keyword: CP4U). For more information go to Fremont.gov/CP4U or contact Recreation Supervisor Rena Dein at rdein@fremont.gov or 494-4344.



Shop Fremont at the 27th Annual Festival of the Arts

On **Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** the Fremont Chamber of Commerce will host the 27th Annual Festival of the Arts. The event brings together local artisans and musicians, as well as food booths that benefit area nonprofit organizations. Join more than 400,000 people who stroll along the area of Paseo Padre Parkway, Capitol Avenue, and State Street. While you're enjoying a fun day in the sun, stop by and meet City staff at these locations:

- The City and Environmental Services Division booths will be located on Capitol Avenue in front of City Hall. Pick up information about City services, including clean water and recycling programs. And while you're there, get a copy of the soon-to-be released Fremont Community & Dining Guide.
- Check out the Police Department's Command Post at Murco Plaza, in the parking lot off of Capitol Avenue and Paseo Padre Parkway.
- Take a photo in front of a Fremont fire truck and meet some firefighters at Paseo Padre Parkway and Walnut Avenue.



Irvington Area Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project

In May 2009, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority awarded the City a \$342,000 discretionary Bicycle/Pedestrian grant. Monies will be used to construct pedestrian improvements at six intersections along Fremont Boulevard between Eugene Street and Washington Boulevard in the Irvington District. The City will contribute \$58,000 toward the project for our local match.

Project improvements will include:

- Construction of intersection bulb-outs and a median refuge island to reduce pedestrian crossing distance at Clough Avenue.
- Installation of American Disability Act-compliant curb ramps and accessible pedestrian signal devices.
- Modification of existing roadway striping.
- Upgrade of existing traffic signage.
- Installation of pedestrian count-down signals.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in the fall, and is funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax. For more information, contact Associate Transportation Engineer Rene Dalton at rdalton@fremont.gov or 494-4535.

Street Tree Services

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and root pruning are included. There is no fee for a tree pruning permit. The City will continue to perform emergency tree pruning services as well as provide some concrete repairs — as the budget allows — through the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Program and the Citywide Concrete Repair Program.

For more information about making repairs to sidewalks, contact the City's Maintenance Center at 979-5700.

BART Warm Springs Extension Project Update

The BART Warm Springs Extension Project is moving ahead as planned. This extension will add 5.4 miles of new track from the existing Fremont Station to a new station in the Warm Springs District. The Fremont Central Park Subway portion of the project adds about a mile of subway just north of Stevenson Boulevard under Lake Elizabeth, Central Park and the Union Pacific railroad tracks.

To make way for this subway portion, construction crews have been busy at work. New recreation facilities are being built to replace the old ones, and include a new tennis court parking lot, basketball complex, and a new dog park. Work around Lake Elizabeth began in May, and included a fish capture and release activity. Eventually, the project will cross under Lake Elizabeth. In advance of this work, construction crews dewatered the north lobe of Lake Elizabeth and relocated fish to another section of the lake.

To address community concerns, BART has a Community Relations Field office in Central Park. The office is open to provide project information and answer questions about it. To speak with a Community Relations Representative, call 476-3900 or visit the office at 1320 Stevenson Blvd.

Reminder: Caltrans Prepares for Mission Boulevard Repaving

Lane Closures this Summer

This summer Caltrans plans to begin rehabilitation of Route 238 (Mission Boulevard), from Interstate 680 in Fremont to the Hayward city limit. The majority of work along this 8-mile stretch will involve one-lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two weekend closures of one lane in each direction are also planned in order to repave at the railroad undercrossing east of Stevenson Boulevard. The project should be completed in summer 2012.

For information, go to Dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects.htm.



Our Community



Summer Camps Galore

This summer, the Parks and Recreation Department is introducing 28 new Day Camps. Combined with some of our traditional camps, parents have the choice of 70-plus different camps at over 20 locations throughout Fremont!

Does your child like to solve mysteries? Perhaps they will enjoy 'A Week in A Museum' where they will learn to uncover the secrets an old house holds. 'Do It Yourself (DIY) Camp' will teach them cooking, money management, ironing, and the like — all skills necessary to be self-sufficient! If your kids are interested in nature, they will love 'Junior Rangers,' 'Where the Wild Things Are,' 'ECO Rangers,' and 'Nature, Natives and Nifty Science' with Ranger Sandy. 'Create-A-Circus Camp' explores mask making, clowning, and more! They can learn magic in 'Sorcerer's Camp' or cook food from a different country every day in 'Foods of the World'. The new 'Junior Sailing Program' is perfect for the more adventurous kids, while the 'All Day Not Just Sports Camps' strikes a good balance between active sports and down time activities.

Whether you are looking to help your child build a skill, increase their academic performance, or simply fill their summer with fun, the City has something for just about everyone! For more information, go to RegeRec.com and click on "Camps."

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Are you Fremont's top recycler? Ready, Set, Recycle is your chance to prove it and win!

This June 21 – July 31, Fremont residents will have the chance to win cash and prizes by keeping recyclables and compostables out of their trash. The Ready, Set, Recycle contest, which is sponsored by StopWaste.Org, works like this: on your regular garbage collection day, "Prize Providers" will select random garbage carts that are set out at the curb. The five residences with the least amount of recyclables and compostables in their garbage cart will be declared the winners. Winners will receive \$50 in cash or gift cards and the best recycler of the group will win an additional \$250 in cash.

Go to www.ReadySetRecycleContest.org for more information and enter to win a \$15 gift card when you make a waste reduction pledge.

StopWaste.Org chose Fremont as one of its pilot cities for this contest and is supplying the prizes. No General Fund dollars are being used.



Save the Date: Coastal Cleanup Day

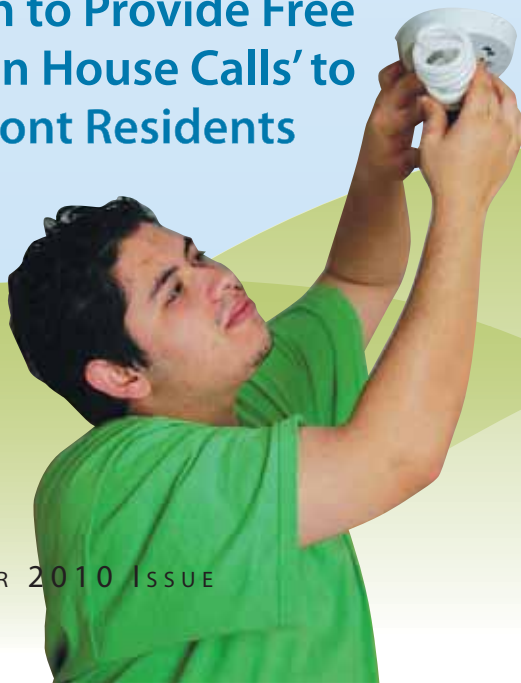
Mark your calendar and get involved in this year's Coastal Cleanup Day on **Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Join hundreds of volunteers and help clean Fremont's creeks and make a difference in our local environment.

And to conserve even more resources, this year's cleanup event will promote a Bring Your Own (BYO) campaign. Volunteers are encouraged to use their own gloves, bags, and water bottles. However, rest assured. These items will still be provided for those who need them.

For more information or to register for the event, go to Fremont.gov/CoastalCleanupDay.

Youth to Provide Free 'Green House Calls' to Fremont Residents



Want to save money on your utility bills while helping the environment? Then sign up for a free "green house call" this summer from California Youth Energy Services.

Funded by PG&E, Alameda County Water District, and City of Fremont (using federal stimulus funds), the program hires and trains local youth ages 15 to 22 to conduct energy audits and install free conservation measures like compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow shower heads, and more. Volunteer auditors may also make recommendations for more extensive work such as new insulation or appliances.

This free—and very popular—program is open to all Fremont residents, but capacity is limited. Reserve your spot today by calling 665-1501. For more information about California Youth Energy Services, go to RisingSunEnergy.org.

Pests Buggin' You?



For the past 10 years, the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, of which Fremont is part, has been helping residents make a difference in their own backyards. This is through sponsorship of a water pollution prevention program called Our Water – Our World.

Our Water – Our World is a unique partnership between public agencies, local nurseries, and hardware stores that sell pesticides. The goal is to protect local creeks and the Bay by encouraging residents to choose less toxic pest control methods. This less toxic method is called Integrated Pest Management (IPM); it employs monitoring as well as cultural, physical, and chemical controls.

Participating stores provide a wide range of less toxic products that are identified by colorful OWOW shelf signage. In addition, a literature rack showcases over 20 fact sheets that guide gardeners on IPM practices for different pests and diseases. They contain information on how to prevent pests as well as helpful tips on pest reduction techniques. If you need to use a pesticide, there are suggestions for products with active ingredients that will have the least impact on the environment. Check out the “Growing a Healthy Garden” fact sheet. Also, extensive training is provided to store employees to help answer questions.

Visit the Program Website

Go to their website at OurWaterOurWorld.org to learn more. There you will find links to the Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner's office, the UC Extension Master Gardener Program, and the UCIPM project. You may also view and download the fact sheets from the website.

Another popular feature on the site is an “Ask Our Expert” section staffed by the Bio Integral Resources Center (BIRC), a nonprofit organization based in Berkeley. Monday through Friday you can ask questions and get a very thorough answer within 24 hours. BIRC has been giving advice worldwide to home gardeners, commercial pest managers, and the agricultural industry for over 20 years.

The Our Water – Our World program also conducts community outreach and educational events at stores to promote less toxic methods to manage pests. Check community calendars and Fremont OWOW stores listed below for upcoming events. Throughout the county there are 32 such stores.

With all of this free information at your fingertips, what are you waiting for? Now is the time to begin your journey to making a difference in your backyard and protecting your family, pets, and the environment.

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FREMONT OWOW STORES

Dale Hardware 37100 Post St. 797-3700	Orchard Supply Hardware 5130 Mowry Ave. 797-1723	Regan's Nursery 4268 Decoto Rd. 797-3222
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Do Not Feed Soap to Storm Drains, the Bay



When washing your car in the driveway, remember it's not just your driveway getting soapy!

Clean water is important to all of us. In recent years, sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now most water pollution comes from

things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from yards and farms, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. However, each of us can do small things to help clean up our water.

What's the problem with car washing?

There's no problem with washing your car. It's just how and where you do it. Most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that harm fish and water quality. If you live in Fremont and you wash your car in the driveway, the soap, together with the dirt and oil washed from your car, flows into nearby storm drains which run directly into our creeks and the Bay. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow. Algae looks bad, smells bad, and more importantly, can harm water quality. As algae decays, the process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

How can we change our ways?

You can indeed wash your car and keep our waters clean! Car washing soaps don't have to be a problem. Here are some suggestions:

- Use a commercial car wash, either self-serve or machine wash.
- Wash vehicles on lawns or other surfaces where water can seep into the ground. Remember to move your vehicle from the lawn once finished.
- Divert water away from storm drains.



Check Your Car, Truck for Oil Leaks

One of the easiest ways you can protect waterways and soil is to make sure your car or truck is a "non-leaking" vehicle. It may not sound like much, but the constant drip from a leaky oil pan or valve cover gasket collectively can create environmental and safety hazards in the long run.

All summer long, oil deposits from leaky engines build up on streets and roadways. When the first rains come in the fall, the oil is lifted from the cracks where it was deposited. This creates oil slicks on the roads and makes for unsafe driving conditions. As the oil is washed from the roads, it enters the storm drain system where it is carried directly to rivers and streams and then to the Bay. Along the way, oil harms various species of aquatic life.



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Fremont's future is truly becoming greener and brighter! See [page 1](#) for the latest news about Solyndra Inc., Tesla Motors, and President Obama's visit to Fremont.

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Summer Concerts 2010!


Fremont

**Central Park
Performance
Pavilion**

**Thursdays
6:30–8:30pm**

**Open to
the public and
FREE!**



Kids Corral

- ◆ Bounce House
- ◆ Arts & Crafts
- ◆ Kid-friendly entertainment

Central Park Summer Concert series

Presented by **Washington Hospital Healthcare System**

The City's popular Central Park Summer Concert Series is back again and promises to be bigger and better than ever! 2010 dates are ...

- July 8** Zoo Station (U2 Cover Band)
- July 15** Mersey Beach (Supreme 60s Music Party Band)
- July 22** Juke Box Heroes (Decades of Billboard Hits)
- July 29** East Bay Mudd (Big Horn Band, Playin' R&B Hits)
- Aug 5** Lava (Latin Jazz, Rock, Salsa, & Funk)
- Aug 12** Too Smooth (Soul, R&B, & Top 40 Party Band)

Featuring Chaka's MMM Barbecue Services!

For further information call (510) 790-5546

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